Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method <u>of versioning application and server configuration data and updating them as a pair</u> <s>for running computers executing an application on a plurality of servers</s>, said method comprising:

    <u>associating a server configuration with an application;</u>

    <u>storing multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers;</u>

    <u>selecting a single version of said application and the server configuration data;</u>

    transferring to each of said plurality of servers <u>the</u> <s>a</s> single <u>version of a</u> package, said package comprising said application and server configuration data, said server configuration data comprising data to configure each of said servers for running said application;

    configuring each of said servers with said server configuration data; and

    executing said servers and said application, wherein the server configuration data transferred to the plurality of servers is the same for each server.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said server configuration data comprises one or more server configuration files; and wherein the configuring step further comprises steps of:

selecting one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure said servers; and

configuring said servers with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of providing some of said one or more server configuration files with versions of one server configuration file.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising a step of providing each of said versions of said one server configuration file with data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising a step of providing said application with data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or more server configuration files.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising a step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

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7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of providing at least one of said one or more server configuration files with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising a step of providing another of said one or more server configuration files with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

8. (Currently amended) A method of preparing an application for execution in a plurality of servers, said method comprising steps of:

 associating a server configuration with an application;

 storing multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers;

 selecting a single version of said application and the server configuration data;

 packaging files comprising ~~composing~~ said application with server configuration data, and

 providing each one of the plurality of servers ~~server~~ with the same configuration, data said server configuration data configuring each of the plurality of servers to execute said application where the application and the configuration data are the same for each of the plurality of servers.

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15. (Currently amended) A machine having a memory which contains information representing a versioning tool for preparing an application, said tool generated by a method, comprising:

 associating a server configuration with an application;

 storing multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers;

 selecting a single version of said application and the server configuration data;

 packaging files composing said application with server configuration data, wherein said server configuration data is provided with one or more server configuration files, each of said one or more server configuration files adapted to configure a plurality of servers to execute said application, wherein the package transferred to the plurality of servers is the same for each of the plurality of servers.

16. (Currently amended) A method of versioning server configuration files, said method comprising steps of:

 associating a server configuration with an application;

 storing multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers;

 selecting a single version of said application and the server configuration data;

 within a package comprising an application, associating a version of a server configuration file with said application, said version configuring a plurality of servers to process said application, and

 transferring the same server configuration data to each of the plurality of servers so that each server can execute the application solely on the server.

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17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of providing said associating with embedding association data within said version of said server configuration file linking said version of said server configuration file with said application.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising a step of providing said associating with embedding association data with said application linking said application with at least one of said plurality of versions of said server configuration file.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17 further comprising a step of providing said package further with said version of said server configuration file.

20. (Currently amended) A computer storage medium storing data and instructions, said data and instructions adapting a computer system to:

   associate a server configuration with an application;

   store multiple versions of both application and server configuration data required to run on a plurality of servers;

   select a single version of said application and the server configuration data;

   transfer to said plurality of servers a package, said package comprising said application and server configuration data, said server configuration data comprising data to configure said servers for said application;

   configure said servers with said server configuration data; and

   execute said servers and said application wherein the server configuration data is the same for each of the plurality of servers.

21. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 20 wherein said server configuration data comprises one or more server configuration files; and wherein said adaptation to configure comprises adapting said computer system to:

select one of said one or more server configuration files; said selected one adapted to configure the plurality of servers; and

configure said plurality of servers with said selected one of said one or more server configuration files.

22. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 21 wherein some of said one or more server configuration files comprise versions of one server configuration file.

23. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 22 wherein each of said versions of said one server configuration file comprises data associating said each of said versions with a version of said application.

24. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 22 wherein said application comprises data associating said application with at least one of said versions of said one or more server configuration files.

25. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 21 wherein at least one of said one or more server configuration files comprises a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and wherein another of said one or more server configuration files comprises a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.